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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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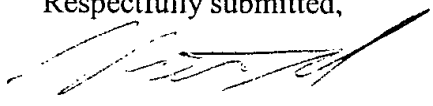

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All of the cited documents are discussed at page 3 of the Specification, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), copies of all documents cited in the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are provided by applicants.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. However, should any fees be due, applicants hereby authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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